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FDD-CNDD AND TANZANIAN GOVERNMENT

MEETING REGARDING BURUNDI (U)

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SUMMARY: (U) OVERVIEW OF THE WHITE SAND'S MEETING BETWEEN THE TANZANIAN GOVERNMENT AND PETER ((NKURUNZIZA)'S FACTION OF FDD BETWEEN 20020528 AND 20020603. ENCLOSURE.

TEXT: 1. (U) THE FOLLOWING PARAGRAPHS ARE FROM A TANZANIAN MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION PRESS RELEASE, DA TED 20020604, IN ENGLISH.

2. (U) BEGIN QUOTE - "THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED REPUBLIC OF TANZANIA HELD DISCUSSIONS WITH THE MOVEMENT CONSEIL NATIONAL POUR LA DEFENSE DE LA DEMOCRATIE - FORCES POUR LA DEFENSE DE LA DEMOCRATIE (CNDD-FDD) FROM 28 MAY TO 3 JUNE 2002 AT THE WHITE SANDS HOTEL IN DAR ES SALAAM, ON THE PREPARATION FOR NEGOTIATIONS WITH A VIEW TO FINDING WAYS AND MEANS FOR A DEFINITIVE CESSATION OF HOSTILITIES AND THE TOTAL RESOLUTION OF THE CONFLICT IN BURUNDI, THE CEASE FIRE FORMING AN INTEGRAL PART OF THE RESOLUTION.

THIS WAS A FOLLOW-UP MEETING TO THE EARLIER MEETING HELD AT THE SAME VENUE FROM 13 TO 20 MARCH 2002.

3. (U) AMBASSADOR M.W. ((MANGACHI)) LED THE TANZANIA GOVERNMENT DELEGATION, AND MR. RADJABU ((HUSSEIN)), THE SECRETARY GENERAL OF CNDD-FDD, LED THE CNDD-FDD DELEGATION. THE TANZANIAN MINISTER FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION, HONORABLE JAKAYA MRISHO ((KIKWETE)), ATTENDED THE OPENING SESSION OF THOSE TALKS AND DELIVERED THE OPENING SPEECH.

4. (U) AFTER DISCUSSING THE MODALITIES FOR A COMPREHENSIVE CEASEFIRE, CNDD-FDD EXPRESSED ITS READINESS AND COMMITMENT TO UNDERTAKE CEASEFIRE TALKS WITH THE POLITICO-MILITARY LEADERSHIP IN BURUNDI AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. FURTHERMORE, IT STRESSED THAT, LIKE IN ALL NEGOTIATIONS, CEASEFIRE ISSUES SHOULD FORM AN INTEGRAL PART OF THE AGENDA OF THE NEGOTIATIONS.

5. (U) CNDD-FDD ALSO PAID TRIBUTE TO THE FACILITATOR, HIS EXCELLENCY MR. NELSON ((MANDELA)), AND THE CO-FACILITATOR

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FOR ON GOING NEGOTIATION PROCESS, HIS EXCELLENCY EL HADJ OMAR ((BONGO)), PRESIDENT OF GABON, FOR THEIR EFFORTS IN THE SEARCH FOR DURABLE PEACE IN BURUNDI.

6. (U) FURTHERMORE, CNDD-FDD EXPRESSED ITS GRATITUDE TO HIS EXCELLENCY PRESIDENT BENJAMIN WILLIAM ((MKAPA)) FOR THE EFFORTS HE WAS MAKING TO ENSURE THE IMMEDIATE AND EFFECTIVE TAKING OFF OF NEGOTIATIONS WITH A VIEW TO ENDING THE CONFLICT.

7. (U) THE TANZANIAN SIDE CONGRATULATED THE CNDD-FDD MOVEMENT AND WELCOMED ITS WILLINGNESS AND COMMITMENT TO PARTICIPATE IN THE CEASEFIRE NEGOTIATIONS WITH A VIEW TO ACCELERATING THE PROCESS OF RESTORING PEACE IN BURUNDI.

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TANZANIA WOULD REPORT THE OUTCOME OF THE THOSE CONSULTATIONS TO THE FACILITATOR.

8. (U) CNDD-FDD EXPRESSED ITS GRATITUDE TO THE TANZANIAN GOVERNMENT FOR THE HOSPITALITY ACCORDED ITS DELEGATION FOR THE WHOLE PERIOD OF THE MEETING. DONE AT DAR ES SALAAM ON THIS 4TH DAY OF JUNE 2002. MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION." END QUOTE.

9. (C) THE MAJOR STICKING POINTS IN THE NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN THE TANZANIAN GOVERNMENT AND FDD WERE FOCUSED ON TWO POINTS. FDD DID NOT WANT TO NEGOTIATE WITH ANY POLITICIAN. THEY WANTED THEIR NEGOTIATIONS DONE WITH THE BURUNDIAN ARMED FORCES (FAB).

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(b)(1); Sec. 1.4(c) WAS THE DESIRE TO HAVE TANZANIA TAKE OVER THE MEDIATION PROCESS. ((NKURUNZIZA))'S FACTION OF FDD THOUGHT THE SOUTH AFRICAN GOVERNMENT WAS SUPPORTING JEAN-BOSCO ((NDAYIKENGURUKIYE))'S FACTION WHICH WAS NOT ACCEPTABLE TO THEM, HENCE THE REQUEST FOR THE TANZANIANS TO TAKE OVER MEDIATION - FACILITATION OF THE PEACE PROCESS.

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10. (C) FDD ALSO WANTED THE VENUE FOR FURTHER NEGOTIATIONS CHANGED TO TANZANIA. TANZANIA AGREED GABON SHOULD ALSO BE AN ACCEPTABLE VENUE.

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THE TANZANIAN GOVERNMENT WAS NOT WILLING TO HOST THE NEGOTIATION, BUT FELT THAT AGREEING TO, WAS THE ONLY WAY TO GET THE FDD TO AGREE TO JOIN THE PEACE PROCESS. THE GOVERNMENT OF TANZANIA DID NOT WANT THE PROCESS OCCURRING IN TANZANIA BECAUSE OF THE MISTRUST THAT ALREADY EXISTS WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF BURUNDI. THE TANZANIAN GOVERNMENT WAS NOT PREPARED TO ACT AS THE FACILITATOR FOR THE PROCESS. THEY WOULD ONLY AGREE TO ACT AS AN OBSERVER OF THE PROCESS.

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11. (C) THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF TANZANIA IS SUPPORTING PETER ((NKURUNZIZA))'S FACTION OF FDD AND THAT WAS A MOTIVATING FACTOR FOR THE MORTAR ATTACK ON 20020616 AT THE TANZANIAN AMBASSADOR'S RESIDENCE IN BUJUMBURA.

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12. (C) THAT AGATHON ((RWASA)) WAS WOUNDED IN A POSSIBLE PUTSCH ATTEMPT ON 20020514 WITHIN NATIONAL LIBERATION FORCES (FNL). RWASA WAS WOUNDED IN THE RIGHT ARM OR HAND. (b)(1);Sec. 1.4(c) NOT SURE WHICH LOCATION RWASA WAS HIT. (b)(1);Sec. 1.4(c) RWASA WAS WOUNDED WHEN HE ATTEMPTED TO MAKE CONTACT WITH ELEMENTS OF THE BURUNDIAN GOVERNMENT. (b)(1);Sec. 1.4(c) A THIRD PARTY BEGAN FIRING, WHICH TRIGGERED THE FIRE FIGHT. (b)(1);Sec. 1.4(c) WAS NOT SURE WHO THE THIRD PARTY WAS THAT INSTIGATED THE FIRE FIGHT. (b)(1);Sec. 1.4(c) WAS SURE THAT THE INCIDENT WAS PLANNED AND NOT AN ACCIDENT.

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13. (C) THE PUTSCH ATTEMPT WITHIN FNL, HAS CAUSED SIGNIFICANT TURMOIL WITHIN FNL. RWASA HAS HAD A NUMBER OF HIS COMMANDERS EXECUTED BECAUSE HE SUSPECTED THAT THEY WERE INVOLVED WITH THE PUTSCH. (b)(1);Sec. 1.4(c) THAT THE TURMOIL PREVENTED FNL FROM PARTICIPATING IN THE PEACE PROCESS AT WHITE SANDS.

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